

Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this notice announces the funding decisions made by the Department under the Fiscal Year 1998 Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. The notice announces the selection of Food & Friends, Inc., a District of Columbia-based nonprofit organization, for the award of \$250,000 to support their home-delivered meal services program for home-bound persons living with HIV/AIDS.

DATE: September 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Vos, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7212, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202)708-1934. The TTY number for the hearing impaired is (202)708-2565. (These are not toll-free numbers). Information on HOPWA, community development and consolidated planning, and other HUD programs may also be obtained from the HUD Home Page on the World Wide Web. HOPWA program information is found at <http://www.hud.gov/cpd/hopwahom.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The selection on an award was authorized by Congress in the Department's fiscal year 1998 appropriations act under the appropriation for the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. That act allows the Secretary to designate, on a noncompetitive basis, awards to non-profit providers of home delivered meal services. The funds for this award are available under the \$20.4 million that is available to make HOPWA competitive grants in 1998.

The HOPWA assistance made available in this announcement is authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) and was appropriated by the FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 105-65, approved October 27, 1997).

The FY 1998 Appropriations provides for carrying out the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program, as authorized by the AIDS Housing Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901), \$204,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of the amount made available under this heading for non-formula allocation, the Secretary may designate, on a noncompetitive basis, one or more nonprofit organizations that provide meals delivered to homebound persons

with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or a related disease to receive grants, not exceeding \$250,000 for any grant, and the Secretary shall assess the efficacy of providing such assistance to such persons.

The award of funds to Food & Friends, Inc. will significantly contribute to its mission. HOPWA funds will be used to support the provision of an estimated 800,000 home-delivered meals to an estimated 1,100 persons living with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan DC area during the next year. The recipients of this assistance are expected to be very-low income or low-income persons who will be better enabled to remain in their current residences by receiving meals, grocery services and nutrition education. The organization assesses each client's nutritional needs and adjusts the support being provided. The organization reports that this service is crucial in helping clients attain the physical and emotional support to help fight the debilitating effects of AIDS through good nutrition.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.241.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is awarding \$250,000 to the Food & Friends, Inc., an organization to serve clients in the metropolitan Washington DC area.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission

AGENCY: Office of Insular Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission—Notice of Establishment.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given

that the Secretary of the Interior has established the American Samoa Economic Advisory Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to make recommendations to the President, through the Secretary of the Interior, on policies, actions and time frames necessary to achieve a secure and self-sustaining economy for American Samoa.

The Commission will be comprised of six members to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, including: One member after considering a list of at least three persons nominated by the Governor of American Samoa, except that if no such list is received by the Secretary of the Interior within 21 days after the date of establishment of the Commission the Secretary may appoint a member in his sole discretion; one member after considering a list of at least three persons nominated jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of American Samoa, except that if no such list is received by the Secretary of the Interior within twenty-one days after the date of establishment of this Commission the Secretary may appoint a member in his sole discretion; two members who are Federal government officials; and two members who represent the financial, business, or trade community. The Secretary will designate one member of the Commission as the chairperson. The Secretary may also appoint ex-officio, non-voting members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nikolao I. Pula, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 4328, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 208-6816. The certification of establishment is published below.

Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the American Samoa Advisory Economic Commission is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's general responsibility in taking action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of the civil government in American Samoa.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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